

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 15315 Agenda Number 12.

Meeting Date: 6/28/2012 Department: Solid Waste Services

Subject

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 15-6, relating to private solid waste collection service; reporting of solid waste, recyclables, and organic materials; vehicle and container licensing; and education.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note Fiscal Note is attached. Purchasing Language: Prior Council Action: For More Information: Bob Gedert, Austin Resource Recovery Director 974-1926 Boards and Commission Action: Zero Waste Advisory Commission consideration is scheduled for June 13, 2012. MBE / WBE: Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

The purpose of the ordinance is to ensure solid waste collection service's collection vehicles and containers meet sanitary and safety standards before the City issues a license to conduct business in the City and to require solid waste collection services to report the tons of solid waste, recyclables, and organic materials hauled. This semi-annual reporting supports the diversion reporting requirements of the City of Austin Universal Recycling Ordinance. Overall, this will facilitate the City's progress in line with the Council-approved Zero Waste Strategic Plan, adopted with Resolution No.20090115-050. Also, under the ordinance, the Department of Code Compliance will manage licensing, enforcement, and an education program.

The following amendments to City Code, Chapter 15-6 are recommended:

- 1) Authorize the Department of Code Compliance to provide education to solid waste collection services about ordinance requirements.
- 2) Authorize the Department of Code Compliance to manage the license application/renewal process for vehicles and containers and enforce the ordinance.
- Require solid waste haulers to provide documentation of a state annual vehicle inspection with a license application/renewal with proof of updated insurance to the Department of Code Compliance.
- 4) Require solid waste haulers to report the tons of solid waste, recyclables, and organic materials hauled on a semi-annual basis.
- 5) Replace a quarterly vehicle operating fee with an annual vehicle operating fee.